



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao

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For: NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002. The Examiner set a three month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a three-month extension of time, making the due date for response February 13, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20 and 22-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

21. (Amended) A method for modifying a protein or a peptide, which comprises reacting an enzyme with the protein or peptide, wherein the enzyme has activity to deamidate